



Meeting Minutes – July 17, 2012  
Location: Legislative Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor House Hearing Room  
411 Legislative Avenue, Dover, DE 19901

In attendance:

S. Aguilar  
C. Alemán  
R. Calvachi-Mateyko  
R. Heflin (via phone)  
M. Hernandez-Saienni  
J. Irizzary  
J. Martinez  
M. Matos (via phone)  
J. Miro  
E. Ramos  
V. Rapposelli  
B. Rodríguez  
S. Rose  
K. Smith  
S. Spangler

Absent:

J. Cohan  
M. González  
Z. Guajardo  
M. Heckles  
T. Merced  
L. Puig  
J. Torrijos  
S. Uhthoff

Also in attendance: Sylvia Cowell (Schwartz Center for the Arts), Kristin A. Brinkley (Girl Scouts of America) and Angelia Cright (Girl Scouts of America)

- I. The meeting commenced with the approval of the May 15, 2012 minutes.
- II. Subcommittee Reports:

**Community Subcommittee** – Eli Ramos and J. Irizarry verbally reported on the Community Subcommittee, meeting efforts as referenced in the committee meeting minutes/report of June 27<sup>th</sup> and July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Economic Development Subcommittee** – S. Aguilar verbally reported on behalf of the Economic Development Subcommittee, as referenced in the committee's meeting minutes/report of July 10<sup>th</sup>. M. Matos requested that the subcommittee's minutes be amended to properly identify the correct name of the council on which Wanda Lopez served. As such, the proper name was the Governor's Advisory Council on Hispanic Affairs (GACHA).

**Education Subcommittee** – S. Spangler verbally reported on behalf of the Education Subcommittee, as referenced in the committee's meeting minutes/report of June 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Health & Social Services Subcommittee** – Dr. Rose verbally reported on behalf of the Health & Social Services Subcommittee, as referenced in the committee's meeting minutes/report of June 21<sup>st</sup>. V. Rapposelli will recommend a representative of the Department of Services for Children Youth and Their Families (DSCYF) to participate on this subcommittee.

**Housing Subcommittee** – K. Smith verbally reported on behalf of the Housing Subcommittee, as referenced in the committee's meeting minutes/report of June 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Legal & Social Justice Subcommittees** - J. Martinez and C. Aleman reported on behalf of the Legal & Social Justice Subcommittees, as referenced in the committee's meeting minutes/report of June 26<sup>th</sup>. V. Rapposelli suggested that the Commission send a letter/note to Judge Alan Davis thanking him for his assistance and efforts in changing the policies as it relates to the JP Court issues concerning the lack of a DOJ representative during "Spanish days" which allow non-English speakers to plead down charges. J. Martinez will prepare a draft "thank you" and submit to E. Ayala.

**Transportation Subcommittee** – did not report.

- III. Funding – Although there were many suggestions/recommendations made by several members, R. Heflin made a motion to hold the current funds available to the Commission until the subcommittees report out later this year. After much discussion, the Commission members voted on this motion and the motion was accepted with no objections.
- IV. Other comments - E. Ramos made a recommendation that the Commission recognize Dr. Christine Cannon as she has been instrumental in providing financial support to the Latino community for many years. After much discussion, Rep. Miro agreed to prepare a tribute on behalf of all the Representatives of the State and V. Rapposelli suggested that a proclamation from the Governor could possibly also be obtained. V. Rapposelli will honor Dr. Cannon and recognize her efforts during the Schwartz Center for the Arts Hispanic Event in October. All members of the Commission were invited to attend and were directed to communicate directly with Sylvia Cowell for further information regarding the specifics relating to the event.
- V. Future Meeting Dates: September 18, 2012 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
November 20, 2012 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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